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SUBJ: BIO DATA ON KATSUICHI IKAWA, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR-
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1. FOLLOWING BIODATA IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL. AMBASSADOR KATSUICHI IKAWA, CAREER DIPLOMAT, WAS BORN MAR 13, 1917. TOKYO UNIVERSITY GRADUATE, HE ENTERED MOFA IN 1941. DURING WAR YEARS HE WAS ASSIGNED AS TRAINEE AND THEN STAFF MEMBER IN JAPANESE EMBASSY IN FRANCE. IN POST-WAR PERIOD, LIKE OTHER JAPANESE DIPLOMATS, HE WAS DETAILED TO GOJ'S CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE, CONTACT POINT WITH U.S. OCCUPATION FORCES (1946-1948), WITH BRIEF CONCURRENT ASSIGNMENT TO CABINET SECRETARIAT IN 1946. FROM 1948 TO 1951, HE SERVED CONSECUTIVELY IN MOFA TREATIES' BUREAU, POLITICAL AFFAIRS BUREAU AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC BUREAU.

2. IN 1951, IKAWA WAS POSTED TO GOJ OFFICE (LATER EMBASSY) IN FRANCE. FOLLOWING PROMOTION TO FIRST SECRETARY, HE RETURNED TO TOKYO IN 1954. FROM 1954 TO 1960, HE HELD SEVERAL POSITIONS IN TREATIES' BUREAU, INCLUDING THAT OF CHIEF, TREATIES' SECTION. THEN, FROM 1960 TO 1962, HE SERVED AS CONSUL GENERAL IN MONTREAL.

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IN 1962, IKAWA WAS TRANSFERRED TO BELGIUM (WITH CON-

CURRENT ASSIGNMENT TO LUXEMBOURG) AS COUNSELOR. DURING FOUR YEAR STAY IN EUROPE, DUTIES INCLUDED LIAISON WITH EUROPEAN ECONOMIC, COAL AND STEEL, AND ATOMIC POWER COMMUNITIES. HE ALSO ATTENDED 1962 MARITIME LAW CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS.

3. RETURNING TO JAPAN IN 1966, IKAWA SERVED BRIEFLY AS COUNSELOR IN EUROPEAN BUREAU AND THEN, IN 1967, WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU. IN 1969, HE WAS NAMED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TREATIES BUREAU, POST HE HELD UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE BEING ASSIGNED AS AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND IN MARCH 1972.

4. AMBASSADOR IKAWA AND WIFE, TOMOKO, HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS, KAORU (26) AND SAHARU (20).
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